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Brown University President Asks Details of C.I.A. Work on Campus

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Nov. 7 (AP)—The president of Brown University, Howard R. Swearer, has asked the Central Intelligence Agency for information on how it is involved on campus.

In a letter sent today to Adm. Stansfield Turner, director of the agency, Mr. Swearer asked him to describe the "nature and extent" of C.I.A. activities at Brown — a request prompted by the recent disclosure that Barnaby C. Keeney, Brown president from 1955 to 1986, worked for the agency.

"Unlike several universities, Brown has not been notified of any past C.I.A. connections or covert contracts," Mr. Swearer said. "There is a compelling need to clarify the situation."